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HOW TO

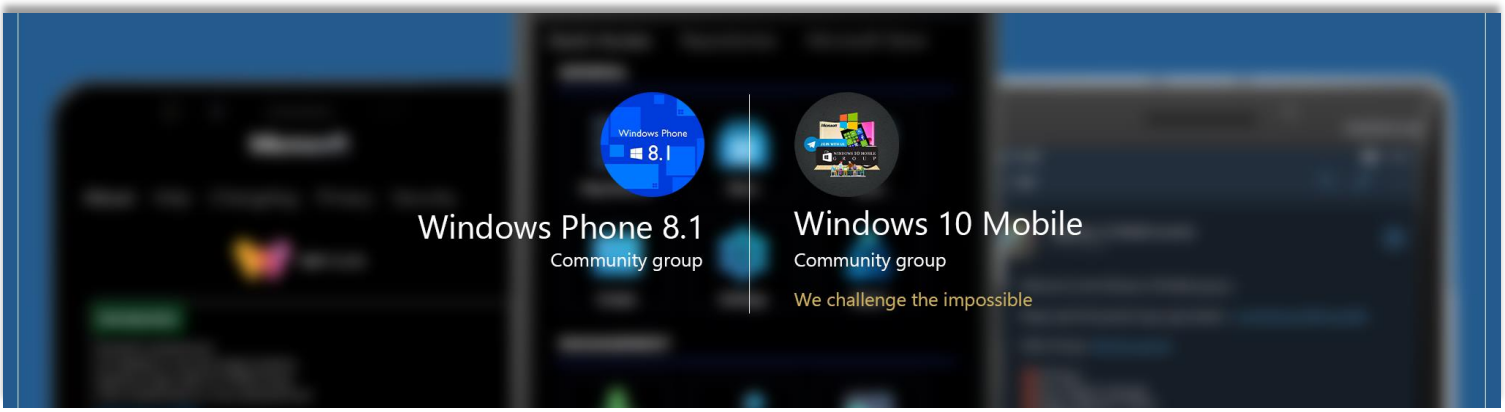
OFFICIALLY UPGRADE

TO WINDOWS 10 MOBILE

OFFICIAL-METHOD

Requirements

- Windows PC (Minimum: Windows 7 SP1 | Recommended: Windows 8 & above)
- Officially supported Windows phone device.



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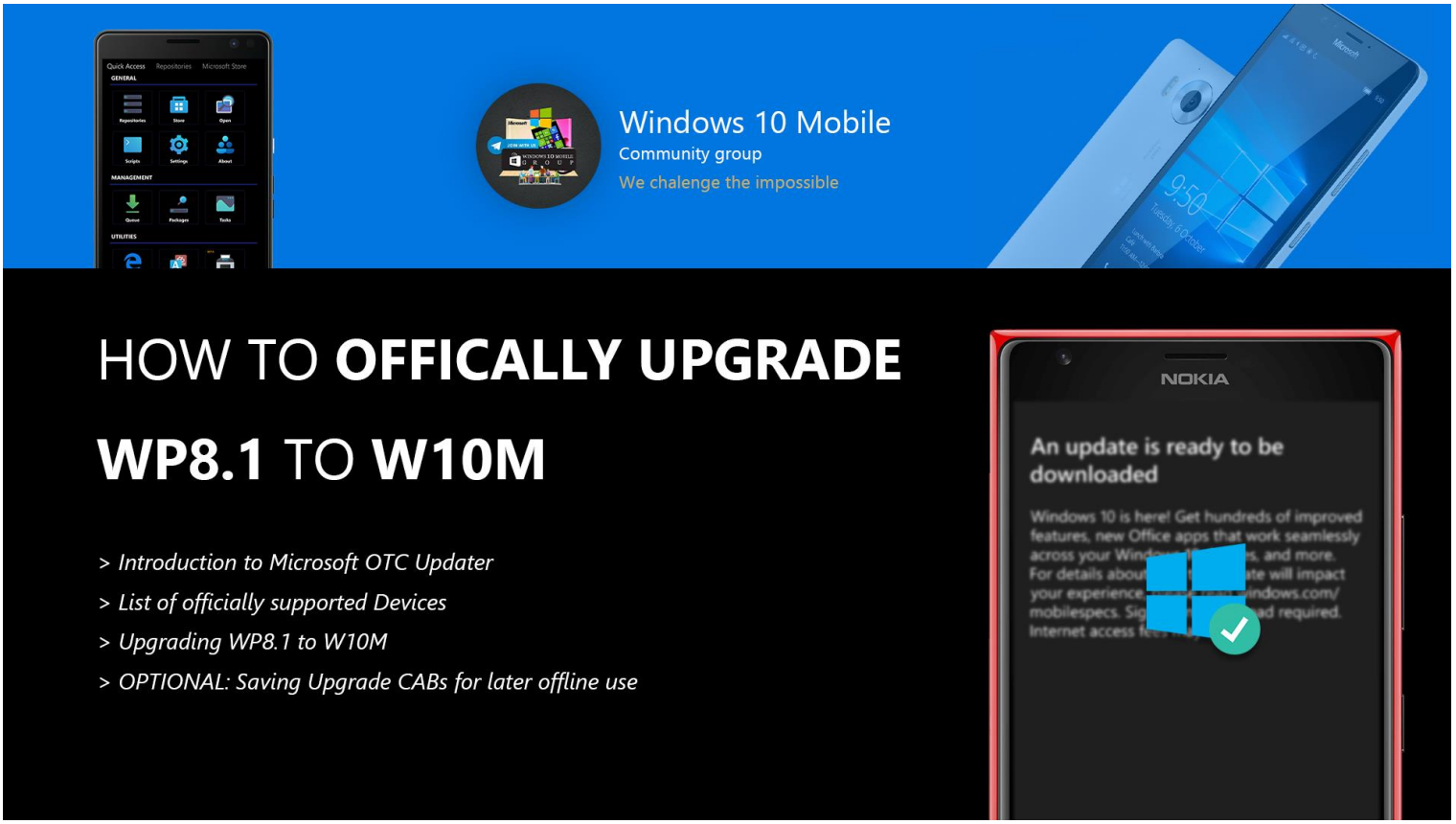

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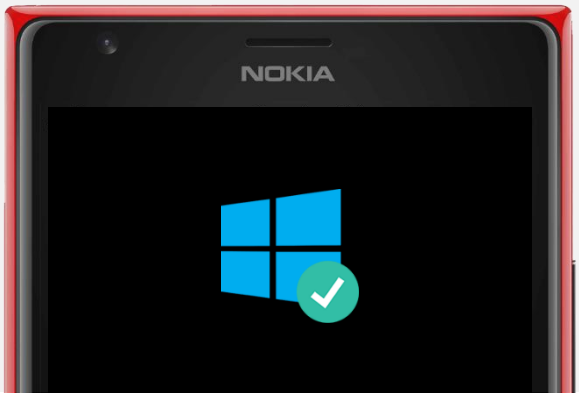

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Introduction

Official Upgrade?

Yes, we will be using the *Microsoft OTC Updater* which is one of the two official solutions Microsoft provided to update eligible Windows Phone 8.1 Devices to Windows 10 Mobile.

Upgrade Advisor is the second solution but as you all know, it is inaccessible now due to Windows Phone 8.1 Store shut-down so this is the only remaining official method.

What's so special about this tool?

Nothing remarkable.

But it is super easy to use and also support Bulk-updating, in other words, it can update multiple connected devices at once which most of the other tools doesn't support.

And also, more higher success rate than other updaters.

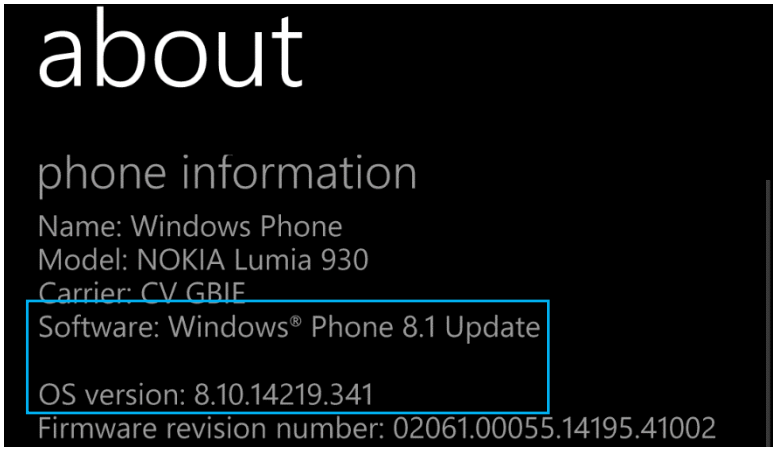
Supported Devices

Only handful of Windows Phone 8.1 devices were officially eligible and below is the list.

COMPATIBLE DEVICES	
Lumia Series	**Models**
4XX Series	Lumia 430, 435
5XX Series	Lumia 532, 535, 540
6XX Series	Lumia 635 1GB, 636 1GB, 638 1GB, 640, 640XL
7XX Series	Lumia 730, 735
8XX Series	Lumia 830
9XX Series	Lumia 929 (ICON), 930
1XXXX Series	Lumia 1520
Other OEM Devices	
BLU Win HD w510u	
BLU Win HD LTE x150q	
MCJ Madosama Q501	

Checking the requirements

> Go to **Settings** & then to **About** in your Windows Phone 8.1 Device.



> Check if the OS Version is at least "**8.10.14219.341**" or **higher than that build.**

If it is, you are good to go!

This is a mandatory requirement for the Windows 10 Mobile Upgrade.

> If not, you can use the below guide to get it updated.

DOCUMENTED VERSION: How to Update any device to Windows Phone 8.1 Update (GDR1)

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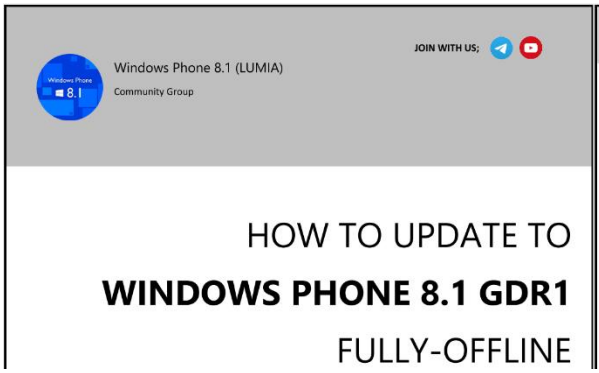

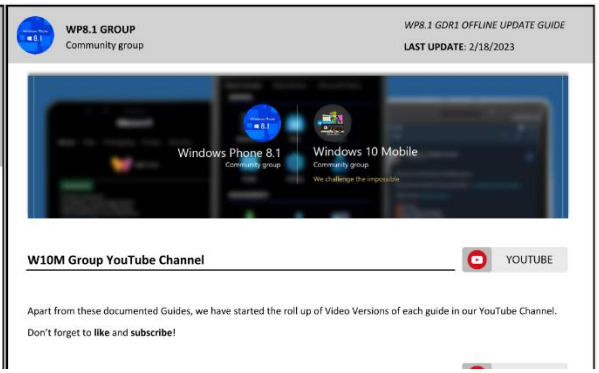

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Preparations

Download Microsoft OTC Updater

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Have a Windows 7/8/8.1 PC?

Then make sure to install all the missing .NET Frameworks for the updater to work.

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> Make sure the remaining battery percentage of your Windows Phone 8.1 Device is at least 50% or above.

Charge your device if it's lower than 50%

> Make sure you haven't unlocked the bootloader of your Phone.

If it's unlocked, re-lock it.

Never update the phone while the bootloader is unlocked.

How to officially Update to Windows 10 Mobile

> Connect your PC to an Internet connection.

> Connect your Windows Phone 8.1 Device to PC via a USB Cable.

> Now, run the OTC Updater executable.

First, the updater will collect LOGs of the connected device.

When done, it will search if there are any updates for the connected device by the LOG details.

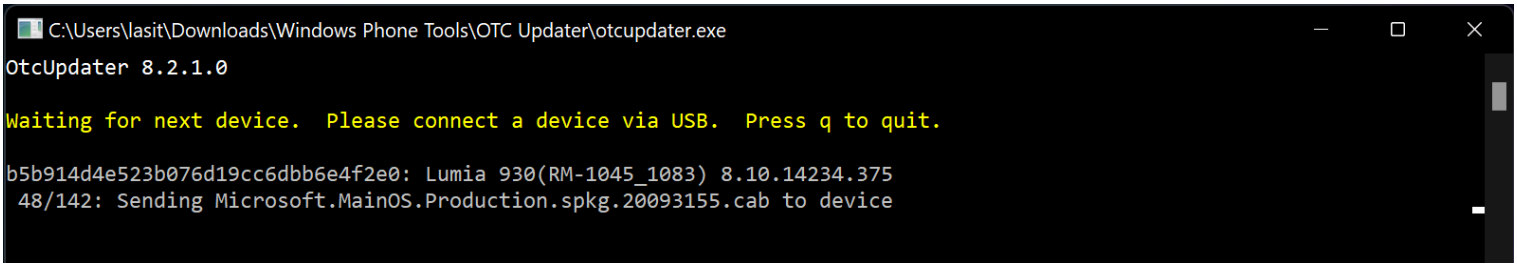
After a couple of minutes, it will recognize and download the Windows 10 Mobile Upgrade for the Device.

NOTICE

When downloading **48 & 72** SPKG, it's going to take a while, so wait & don't close OTC Updater.

The update is around **800 MB – 1GB**

When downloading is finished, the downloaded update packages will be pushed to the Device.

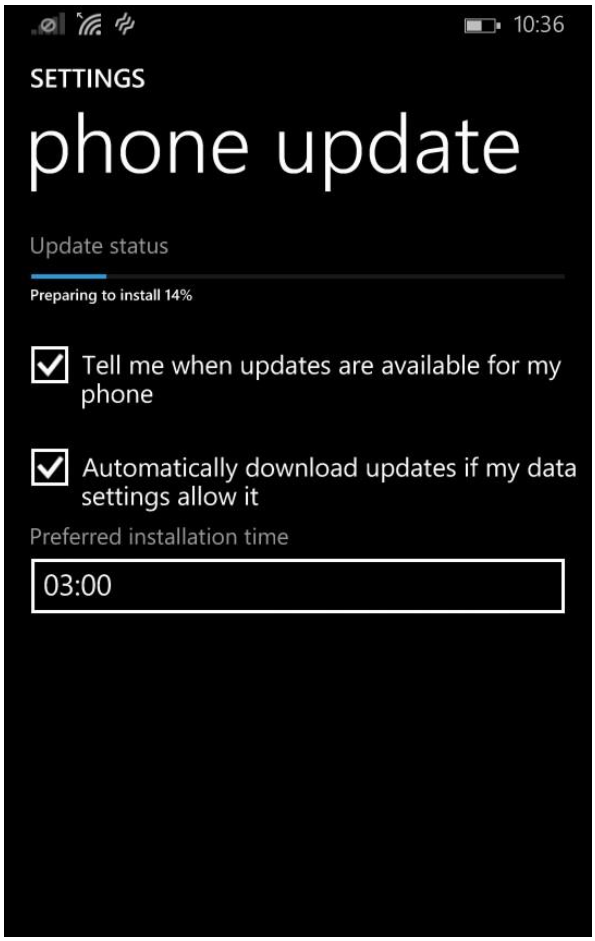


Once all the packages are pushed and the update is started in the device, OTC Updater will show the below screen saying to disconnect the device.

Do as it says, you may plug your device to the Wall Charger to make sure you don't run out of battery charge.

> Now go to **Settings** & then to **Phone Update** and monitor the update process.

Once the **Preparing to Install** stage goes to **100%,** your phone will automatically reboot.



> Then your phone will boot to the rotating Cogs which is the update installation.

It will also have a progress bar.

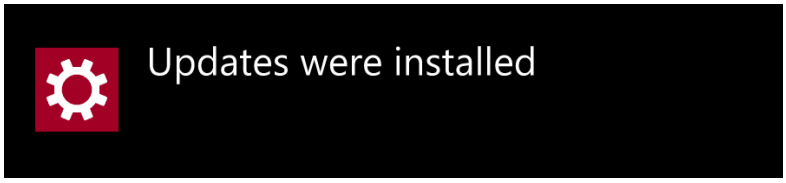
Estimated Time

45 Minutes – 2 Hours

> Once the progress bar filles, the phone will reboot again and will boot to the newly installed Windows 10 Mobile System now.

The data migration step should take place, it will only take a couple of minutes.

Once that complete, you will get a notification that the updates are installed successfully.



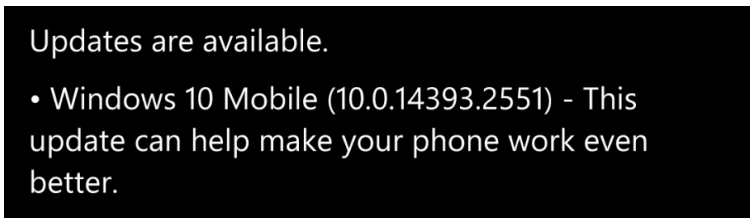
BUT, it's not over yet!

What we just installed is the first release version of the Windows 10 Mobile aka 1511 which is really old.

There are much newer builds than that so you should update your phone now.

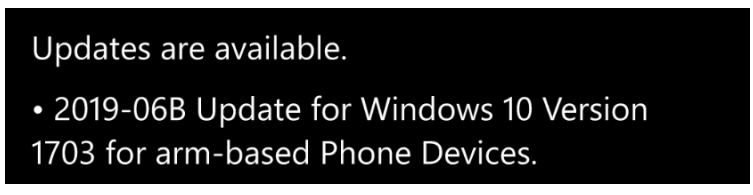
Go to **Settings** → **Update & Security** → **Phone update** and check for updates!

You will get updates till **10.0.14393.2551**



If your device is a Lumia 640/XL;

you will get updates till **10.0.15063.1868**



Updating further…

The latest Windows 10 Mobile Build is **1709** and the latest OS version is **10.0.15254.603**

But this is only available to Lumia 550, 650 & 950/XL (And some newer Other-OEMs)

To get this version and all the other followings in any device, you can use the below guide from the W10M Group!

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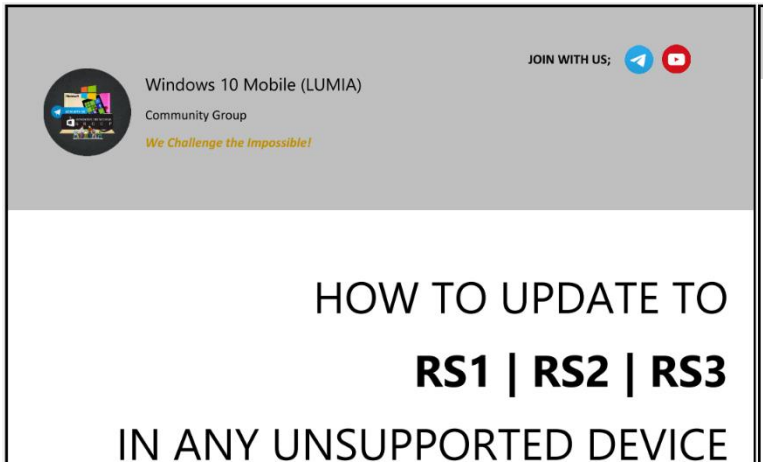

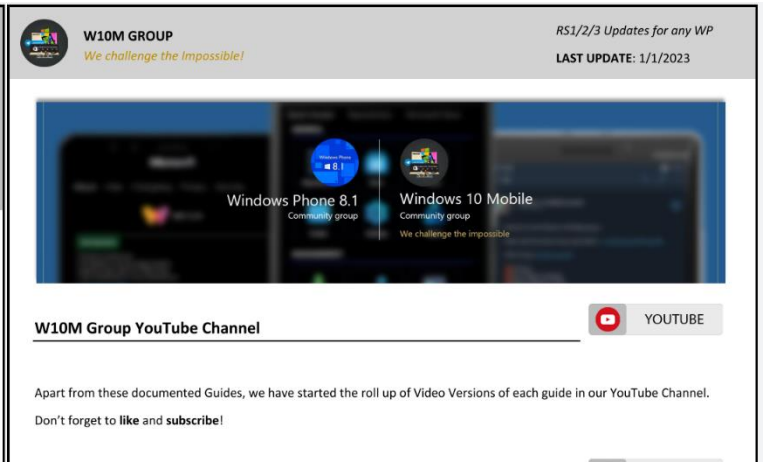

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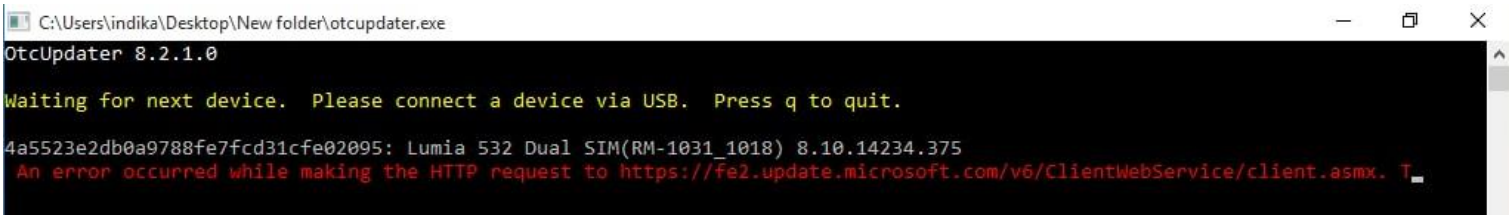
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. I'm getting a http error in red text, what to do?



A. This can happen if you didn't download OTC updater using the links given in this Guide.

Download the version **linked in** Preparations.

Q. OTC Updater is showing "**No updates available for this Device**", what to do?

A. Check if your WP Model is in the compatible device list and that it has at least build **8.10.14219.341**

Q. Can I update multiple devices at once with OTC Updater?

A. Yes, **you can connect multiple devices and OTC will recognize each and update each device separately.**

Q. Where are the downloaded Packages being saved?

A. In the "**Packages**" folder which is created among the OTC updater files after usage.

Q. Is there another way to update other Lumia models which aren't supported by OTC Updater?

A. Yes, you can either use **XDA Semi Offline updater** OR **Universal Updater**, look in the next page for more info.

Q. Can I downgrade back to Windows Phone 8.1 after upgrading to Windows 10 Mobile?

A. You can, *but not the way you expect.*

You will need to **re-flash your device using WDRT, WPI or any other tool which will completely wipe your device and fall back to stock software version.**

Un-official Updaters for Unsupported Devices

If your device isn't among the supported devices chart in this guide, then your device was not officially eligible for Windows 10 Mobile.

But you can still update them to Windows 10 Mobile using community made un-official updaters.

Recommendation: Avoid W10M with 512MB Devices if you care about performance.

1. XDA Semi-Offline updater

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2. Universal Updater

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You are welcomed to join with the **W10M Group** to get every support & resources you will need to get along with W10M from the one and only official leading community.

Everyone is welcomed there!

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Credits

- ✓ Microsoft for OTC Updater
- ✓ Creators of the mentioned third-party updaters.

That's all for this guide!

THANK YOU!!

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